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SUBJ: OECD OIL COMMITTEE

REF: OECD PARIS 28365

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF INTERIOR DEPT FOR ENERGY AND MINERALS, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF PLAN OF ACTION UNDER VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT RELATING TO FOREIGN PETROLEUM SUPPLY, IS EXPECTED TO SIGN AND SEND NOV. 10 MEMORANDUM SET OUT PARA 2 BELOW TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN EMERGENCY PETROLEUM SUPPLY COMMITTEE (EPSC). MEMORANDUM WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREPARED FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION BY EPSC AT ITS MEETING

NOV. 8 THAT ADMINISTRATOR DESIGNATE OECD OIL COMMITTEE AS BODY WITH WHICH EPSC COULD COOPERATE. ACTION POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM OECD SECRETARIAT AND WANSINK, RESPECTIVELY, OF MEMO AND SUBSTANCE OF PARA 3 BELOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT: SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 OF THE PLAN OF ACTION UNDER VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT RELATING TO FOREIGN PETROLEUM SUPPLY, THE OIL COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD), AND ANY INDUSTRY GROUP ADVISORY THERETO, ARE HEREBY DESIGNATED AS AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND FOREIGN INDUSTRY GROUP WITH WHICH ALL PARTICIPANTS, THE EMERGENCY PETROLEUM SUPPLY COMMITTEE, AND THE SUBCOMMITTEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO COORDINATE AND COOPERATE.

THIS COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WOULD, FOR THE TIME BEING, CONSIST OF PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION RELATING TO THE AVAILABILITY AND DISTRIBUTION PATTERNS OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, AND IN SUCH FORM, AS THE OIL COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST.

REQUESTS FROM THE OECD FOR OIL COMPANY ANALYSIS OF NON-PUBLIC DATA OF OTHER COMPETITIVE COMPANIES OR FOR OTHER JOINT ACTION SHOULD BE DISCLOSED TO THE ADMINISTRATOR PRIOR TO COMPANY PARTICIPATION.

(SIGNED)

ADMINISTRATOR END TEXT.

3. MEMORANDUM WAS PREPARED FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH JUSTICE DEPT AND FTC. AS INDICATED PARA 1 AND 2 OF MEMORANDUM, CONCERNED USG AGENCIES DO NOT OBJECT TO COMPANIES' MEETING WANSINK'S NOV. 1 REQUEST FOR INFO NOR TO MEANS DESCRIBED IN PARA (2) REFTTEL FOR PREPARING REPORT ON BASIS INFO PROVIDED. HOWEVER, JUSTICE (ANTI-TRUST DIVISION) IS CONCERNED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT COMPANIES NOTIFY ADMINISTRATOR BEFORE AGREEING TO MEET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS DATA PROVIDED WANSINK WHICH WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHERWISE NOT BE PUBLIC AND THUS NOT AVAILABLE TO THEM. THIS CONCERN IS REFLECTED IN FINAL PARA OF MEMORANDUM SET OUT ABOVE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT COMPANIES HAVE COMPILED INFO REQUESTED IN NOV. 1 MESSAGE FROM WANSINK, AND WE EXPECT THAT ONCE THEY HAVE RECEIVED MEMORANDUM FROM ADMINISTRATOR INFO WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO WANSINK.

5. FYI - THOMAS KAUPER, HEAD OF ANTITRUST DIVISION,
AND JOEL DAVIDOW, CHIEF OF ANTITRUST'S FOREIGN ECONOMIC
SECTION, WILL BE IN PARIS NOV. 15-16 FOR OECD MEETING ON
RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES. - END FYI RUSH

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